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Maryland Man Pleads Guilty in Carjacking of Wilson High School Teacher - Defendant Earlier Pled Guilty to Related Charges in Maryland -

WASHINGTON - Jeremiah Juwley, 26, of Silver Spring, Maryland, pled guilty today to a carjacking charge stemming from his takeover of a sport utility vehicle belonging to a Wilson High School teacher, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

The plea, in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, was part of a broader disposition of charges stemming from various crimes arising from the incident. Juwley earlier pled guilty to charges of kidnapping and second degree assault in Montgomery County, Maryland, and is now serving a 10-year sentence for those offenses. Under today's plea agreement, the parties will ask the Court to impose a seven-year sentence for the crimes in the District of Columbia, to be served once Juwley's prison term is completed in Maryland.

The Honorable Ann O'Regan Keary scheduled sentencing in the District of Columbia case for October 6, 2011.

According to the government's proffer of the evidence, which Juwley acknowledged, in the early morning hours of April 17, 2010, the victim, a Wilson High School teacher, had just gotten into her sport utility vehicle and was preparing to go home after having finished work at a part-time job in the Adams Morgan neighborhood of Northwest Washington.

Juwley approached the victim as she sat inside her vehicle, opened the driver's side door, and ordered her to move over. He indicated that he had a weapon by holding his hand inside of his backpack. The victim moved over toward the passenger side of the vehicle and was immediately confronted by a second person, a juvenile, who was standing outside. The juvenile blocked her avenue of escape. The victim recognized the juvenile as a student of hers.

Juwley got into the driver's seat, directed the juvenile into the back of the car, and drove the victim and the juvenile into Maryland. Once in Maryland, Juwley stopped at the victim's

bank and forced her to withdraw \$200. Then he drove to a parking lot in Silver Spring, where the juvenile left the vehicle. Juwley tried to force the victim to perform a sex act on him. The victim refused and tried to escape. In the course of a struggle, Juwley stabbed the victim with a knife he had in his possession. The victim was ultimately able to run out of the vehicle and get help from a passing vehicle, after which he fled on foot. Juwley and the juvenile later were arrested.

In announcing the plea, U.S. Attorney Machen commended the bravery of citizens who came to the victim's aid. He also commended the outstanding work of Montgomery County officers and detectives who collected evidence and conducted the investigation in coordination with Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Detectives, which led to Juwley's quick arrest on April 20, 2010. In particular, U.S. Attorney Machen noted the outstanding work of Montgomery County Police Detective Kari Hart and MPD Detective Erik Brown. Finally, Mr. Machen praised the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney Ann Carroll, who conducted the grand jury investigation of the case and worked with the Maryland State's Attorney to resolve both prosecutions.

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